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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

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Honours.

P. 6. The Hon. G. M. FORDE

Government House,
CANBERRA,
21st May, 1945.

No. 83

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt
of your Honours despatch No. 16 dated 30th April, 1945,
enclosing notification announcing that the Right Honourable
Francis Michael Forde was sworn as a Member of the
Privy Council.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

HENRY

Governor-General.

The Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs,
Dominions Office,
LONDON.

Government House,
C A N B E R R A,
21st May, 1945.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
C A N B E R R A.

Dear Sir,

By His Royal Highness's direction I forward herewith a copy of the Secretary of State's Honours despatch No. 16 dated 30th April, together with two printed notices announcing that the Right Honourable Francis Michael Forde, having been appointed a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the 29th day of June, 1944, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

L.S. BRACEGIRDLE

Captain, R.A.N.

Official Secretary.

OFFICIAL SECRETARY

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

21 MAY 1945

HONOURS NO. 16

TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Dominions Office,

Downing Street.

30 April, 1945.

Sir,

By dep. mail
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I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your Royal Highness's most obedient,
humble servant,

I. V. Murray Evans
(For the Secretary of State).

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B.,

G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

etc., etc., etc.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The 11th day of April, 1945.

PRESENT,

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AIR MAIL.

Government House,
MELBOURNE,
14th September, 1944.

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of your Honours despatch dated 19th August, 1944, transmitting
copies of a notification announcing the appointment of the
Honourable Francis Michael Forde to be a member of His
Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Copies of the notification have been forwarded
to the Prime Minister and to Mr. Forde.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. DUGAN

Administrator.

The Secretary of State for
Dominion Affairs,
Dominions Office,
LONDON.

Government House,
C A N B E R R A,
11th September, 1944.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
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Captain, R.A.N.
Military and Official Secretary.

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of 5 of 5. Super*



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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Dominions Office,

Downing Street,

19 August, 1944.

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29.6.44.

*See - one by
dup. mail.*

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble servant,

Cranborne

MILITARY AND OFFICIAL
SECRETARY

11 SEP 1944

TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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12 SEP 1944

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AND ACTING MINISTER FOR DEFENCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF AUSTRALIA TO BE A MEMBER OF HIS MAJESTY'S MOST
HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL.

MILITARY AND OFFICIAL
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9 JUN 1944

TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

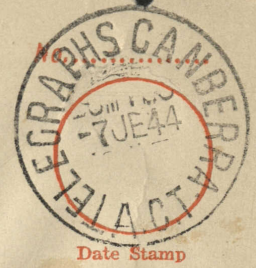
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M. Mulhoomer

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MILITARY AND OFFICIAL
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9 JUN 1944

TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Telephone 2-45

Most immediate
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To Mr. Mulvany
on 7 June

Your telegram 31st May
has H.M. given final
approval P.C. for Mr. Fode
for publication here tomorrow
8th June x
your friend

Only last week I had brought to my notice the case of a farmer in the Cassilis district of New South Wales who required some galvanized iron and other material urgently to provide a water supply on a block of 5,000 acres which had to be prepared for the arrival of 1,000 bullocks from Queensland for fattening. The cattle were urgently required to supply beef to the Australian and Allied forces. I applied to the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture pointing out the urgency of this matter, but not one single piece of troughing or pumping material could be obtained. That is typical of many such cases. Time again, during the life of the last Parliament and, indeed, since this Parliament has met, we have drawn attention to the hardships suffered by primary producers owing to the shortage of horse-shoes, plough-harness and other material essential for agricultural purposes, but nothing has been done. I suggest to the Government that the Department of Commerce and Agriculture should make a survey of the requirements of primary industries during the next twelve months. It should not be difficult to arrive at a reasonably accurate estimate so that provision could be made to meet the needs of farmers and so assist them to fulfil their production obligations. When one finds, as I did only a short time ago, that a large country store, which in normal times sold 2 tons of horeshoes a year, had only been able to obtain 10 lb. of shoes in the last twelve months, one begins to appreciate the difficulties under which many farmers are carrying on their work. That is typical of what is happening all over the country. I believe that if an estimate of the next years requirements were made as I have suggested, primary production would benefit greatly. Commodities which are urgently required by the man on the land should be given a priority equal to that of munitions.

Another thing which is having a bad effect on primary production throughout Australia is the fact that the Allied Works Council and the Army authorities have so depleted small country garages and engineering shops of their manpower, that it is almost impossible for farmers to have repairs effected to agricultural machinery. With regard to the production of farm machinery in this country, I suggest to the Government that the manufacturers in the United States of America have far outstripped us in inventiveness. A perusal of American

journals dealing with agricultural implements shows the enormous quantity of labour-saving machinery that the manufacturers in that country are producing to-day. The July issue of *Farm Implements News*, a journal published in Chicago, shows that a machine is being made which will lift hay from the ground, bale it, wire it and cut it off into required lengths, the only operative necessary being the man driving the tractor. In Australia any machine serving these purposes would need two or three men to operate it. I suggest that the Government should invoke lease-lend and obtain machinery of the American pattern for this work. If it should prove to be impracticable to do so, I consider that the Government should seek permission to have such machines manufactured in this country, and pay the necessary royalties. Sooner or later these labour-saving machines, which have had such a big influence upon American agricultural operations, will have to be used in Australia, and the Government would do a great service for primary production if it took any necessary steps either to obtain the machines from America or to have them manufactured in Australia. Our primary producers should not be required to carry on their operations with antiquated plant.

I wish now to refer to the need for a stepping-up of the prices of certain primary products. The greatest incentive to the increase of food production in Great Britain was provided by guaranteeing to primary producers a reasonable return for their products. A constant and vigorous protest is being made throughout the Australian countryside to-day against the prices that have been fixed for pig meats. If we are to increase our production of pig meats in this country we must give more consideration than has been given hitherto to the just demands of the pig-meat raisers. A report in the *Northern Daily Leader* of the 11th October stated that the north and north-west pig producers had just met in a convention which had agreed to certain important recommendations. I understand that these have been, or will be, forwarded to the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture. One request of the convention was that there should be an all-round increase of the export price of bacon and pig meats to 1s. per lb. At present the price of first-quality maconers, that is, those weighing from 101 to 200 lb. dead weight, is 9d. a lb.

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Yours Allegiance 5/6 Toxide No objection

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19th MAY, 1943.

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MACHINE TOOL COMMITTEE.

COMMONWEALTH DEMANDS FOR ARC WELDING ELECTRODES AND WELDING
RODS FROM THE U.K.

Note by the Secretariat.

The demand for selected quality steels and non-ferrous metal required for arc welding electrodes and welding rod production is overtaking our manufacturing capacity and it has become necessary to confine consumption to essential war requirements.

Commonwealth demands for electrodes and welding rods are increasing steadily and it is important that our present shortage of core wire is fully appreciated. It is proposed to consider the introduction of a system of allocation to meet Commonwealth requirements.

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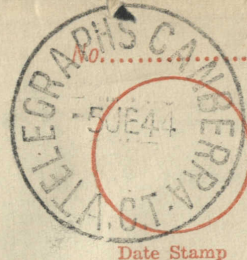
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Sec'y of State for Dominion Affairs
~~Secret~~ Important-Secret + Personal Yours 31st May SC246
Mr Zabe is much honoured.

at. May's gracious approval

If this appointment to the Ring Council
and is most proud to accept.

Gourine General
~~Secretary~~

Telephoned on Secret phone

11.45 am - Sunday 4th June JMC

DECODE OF TELEGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL FROM THE SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS DATED LONDON 31st MAY; RECEIVED
SYDNEY, 2nd JUNE, 1944.

IMPORTANT. SECRET AND PERSONAL.

WHEN IN THIS COUNTRY YOUR PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT FORDE
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AND THE KING HAS NOW BEEN PLEASED TO EXPRESS HIS INFORMAL APPROVAL
OF SUCH APPOINTMENT. PLEASE ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT WOULD BE AGREEABLE
TO THE PERSON NAMED. IF SO HIS MAJESTY'S FORMAL PLEASURE WILL BE
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Secret and Personal.

When in this country your Prime Minister
suggested Mr. FORSE Deputy Prime Minister
might be recommended for Privy
Councillorship and the King has now
been pleased to express his informal
approval of such appointment. Please
ascertain whether it would be agreeable
to the person named. If so His Majesty's
formal pleasure will be taken.

[Your Prime Minister is being informed
in Canada of the contents of this message.]

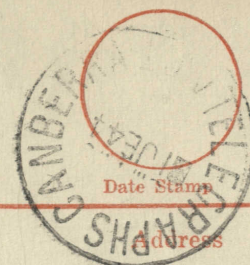
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